

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
EASTERN DIVISION**

CRYSTAL N. FINNIE

PLAINTIFF

v.

CIVIL ACTION No. 1:10cv64-SA-DAS

LEE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI and
JIM H. JOHNSON, SHERIFF
OF LEE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI,
In His Official Capacity

DEFENDANTS

ORDER

With regard to the motions in limine [88] presently pending in the above-entitled action, the Court rules as follows:

1. Defendants' first motion in limine to exclude religious references will be granted in part and denied in part. The motion is granted to the extent counsel makes improper religious references that "are [not] probative of an issue raised at trial" and/or that "indicate that the jury should consider the teachings or beliefs of [a] deity or any religious references in addition to or to the exclusion of law." Whitfield v. Harris, 474 F. Supp. 2d 822, 825 (N.D. Miss. 2008).
2. Defendants' second motion in limine seeks to exclude evidence of Plaintiff's prior work record. The Court does not know what information, if any, Plaintiff seeks to introduce at trial, or for what purpose(s) such information would be used. The Court, therefore, currently denies Defendants' motion in limine. Yet, the Court notes that it will entertain the issue upon a timely objection made by Defendants' counsel at trial.

3. Defendants' third motion in limine seeks a court instruction regarding Plaintiffs' religious discrimination claim. The Court defers ruling on this motion until trial, at which time the Court will hear arguments on the issue from the parties.

So ordered on this, the 13th day of July, 2012.

/s/ Sharion Aycock
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE